

**New Shoreham Town Council / Town Manager Meeting**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**Wednesday, August 4, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, and Council members Peter B. Baute, Richard P. Martin and Kenneth C. Lacoste. Also present: Town Manager Nancy Dodge; Finance Director Amy Land and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millicent McGinnes.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Town Manager's Report**

Finance

The Council chose to move the agenda to address Finance before Administration, as Finance Director Amy Land was present.

Finance Director Land presented a draft financial statement reflecting the entire fiscal year 2010 ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. She highlighted the following items:

- The State's cut to the Motor Vehicle Taxes in Lieu payment resulted in a \$13,000 reduction in income.
- There is a general improvement in revenues over last year.
- The Harbors and Recreation budgets are balancing well. The Recreation Department has increased its revenue while decreasing its expenses.
- Interest income and landing fees were down considerably.
- State Aid was cut a total of \$101,658.
- Hotel and Meals Taxes were up in May from the previous year. June's numbers have not yet been received.
- Due to the clean-up of abandoned boats, the Abandoned Boat Disposal line is up \$17,000, but the Town is working to recover those fees from the boat owners.
- The Audit will begin the third week of September and will be finished in early December.

Finance Director Land noted that some of the income and expense lines would continue to change and that she would present another Fiscal Year 2010 draft at the September meeting.

Administration

Town Manager Dodge reported the following:

- The PUC hearing regarding the Deep Water Wind project is being covered by video conference at the school on Thursday and Friday.
- Deep Water Wind will memorialize through a letter that BIPCO and BIPCO rate payers will be held harmless for the cost of interconnection fees.
- In response to the Council's stipulations regarding allowing hunting on the Black Rock property, Katy Sparks of the RI DEM stated that she was not sure the number of hunters could be limited, or that preference can be granted to island hunters. The conversations will continue.
- Under the will of Violette Connolly, recently deceased, the Town is the sole beneficiary. The house was to be left to the Town and the barns were to have been renovated into year round rental housing for the police. The house was sold in order to pay for her care. There is about \$500,000 left in the estate. The Town will be receiving some directives or restrictions from the probate court and the executor regarding how the money is to be used.
- The Police Chief is well prepared for Victory Day weekend.
- The Washington County Regional Planning Council has received bids for the ESCO project and will be evaluating them. The detailed audit costs, should the Town opt out of upgrade work, should be covered by the \$15,000 grant monies currently allocated to the Town for the project. Town Manager Dodge will discuss the participation agreement with Jeff Broadhead prior to signing it.

Public Works

Town Manager Dodge reported the following:

- The rocks on Dr. Shanley's property at the corner of Old Town Road and Connecticut Avenue have been removed.
- The gate posts have been taken down at the end of Cooneymus Road.
- The "No Jumping" sign is back up on the Beach Avenue bridge.
- The Fire Marshall is still coming to the island and performing inspections.

Mr. Martin noted that he has seen a number of construction trailers that are not a neutral color as stipulated by the ordinance and the ordinance needs to be objectively enforced.

From the audience, Cliff McGinnes, Sr. noted that the new snow fencing blocking the steep path to the beach near the Surf Hotel was working. He suggested continuing the fencing to the telephone pole.

**Receive Letter from Building Official re: Gasoline Storage**

Ms. Dodge reported that the Building Official was working with Scott Caron from the Fire Marshall's Office to address safe gasoline storage at island business. Ms. Gaffett stated that she was looking for a recommendation from the Building Official and/or the Fire Marshall as to whether the relating Town Ordinance needs updating.

**Continuation of Town Manager Evaluation**

At 8:42 p.m. Ms. Gaffett made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Torrey and carried.

5 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Martin, Baute, Lacoste) 0 Nays

At 9:17 p.m., Dr. Baute moved to adjourn the closed session and seal the minutes of the closed session, seconded by Mr. Torrey.

5 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Martin, Baute, Lacoste) 0 Nays

It was noted that the Town Manager's Evaluation was continued to August 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:18, Mr. Martin moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

5 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Martin, Baute, Lacoste) 0 Nays

Millicent McGinnes, CMC  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Submitted: August 13, 2010  
Minutes Approved: August 18, 2010